

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Shihoko OKUNO, et al.

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SERIAL NO: New DIV Application

EXAMINER:

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FOR: MAGNETORESISTANCE EFFECT ELEMENT, ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD, MAGNETIC REPRODUCING ELEMENT AND MAGNETIC MEMORY

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/244,550, filed 09/17/02, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e):
Application No. Date Filed
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

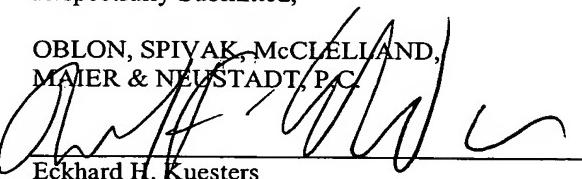
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Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- was filed in prior application Serial No. 10/244,550 filed 09/17/02
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number
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- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- (B) Application Serial No.(s)
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